

# TOWN OF HERNDON

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### HISTORIC “YELLOW HOUSE” PUT ON THE MARKET

Herndon, VA (December 6, 2007) – The Town of Herndon has announced its intent to sell the Yellow House, an historic structure that has served as a landmark to travelers on the W&OD Railroad and, later, to pedestrians and bikers entering the Town of Herndon via the W&OD Trail.

A single family detached dwelling unit, the Yellow House dates to approximately 1870. It functioned as a schoolhouse in the late 1800s and briefly housed the Fortnightly Club Library before serving as a private home. The house was moved from its original location at around the time of World War I, and was moved again in April 2006 by the Town of Herndon to a new, temporary location directly adjacent to the W&OD trail.

The Town of Herndon assumed ownership of the Yellow House in 2007. As part of the sale, the house, currently resting on supports, will be affixed to a .23-acre parcel of land, also part of the sale, located at the intersection of Oak and Pearl Street. The new owner will be responsible for restoring the house to a single family dwelling unit configuration and for preserving, maintaining and protecting its cultural attributes.

Any contract on the part of the Town to sell the Yellow House will only be effectuated by approval of the Herndon Town Council. Written offers are being accepted until January 15,

2008. Information packets concerning the sale of the Yellow House are available from the office of the Town Manager: 777 Lynn St, Herndon (address); 703/787-7368 (phone); [art.anselene@herndon-va.gov](mailto:art.anselene@herndon-va.gov) (email).

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

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